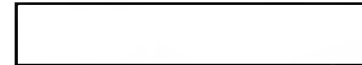


TOP SECRET

25X1




17 May 1955



Copy No. 34

25X1

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

DOCUMENT NO. 35
NO CHANGE IN CLASS. ☒
() DECLASSIFIED
CLASS. CHANGED TO: TS S C
NEXT REVIEW DATE: 2010
AUTH: HR 70-2
DATE: 9/1/80 REVIEWER: 

25X1

25X1



Office of Current Intelligence

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

25X1



State Dept. review completed

TOP SECRET

25X1

SUMMARY

FAR EAST

1. Japanese prime minister suggests need for Security Treaty revision (page 3).

25X1

SOUTHEAST ASIA

3. France favors conference of Western big three with Diem (page 5).

25X6

* * * *

25X1

25X1

25X1

FAR EAST

1. Japanese prime minister suggests need for Security Treaty revision:

25X1

[REDACTED] Prime Minister Hatoyama told the Diet on 13 May he believed revision of the Security Treaty and Administrative Agreement with the United States was necessary to complete Japan's independence.

Foreign Minister Shigemitsu, according to the Japanese press, followed the prime minister with a statement that immediate revision of the pacts was not feasible. He asserted, however, that Japan's obligation to offer military bases to the United States did not bind Tokyo to consent to their being enlarged when requested.

Comment: The recent agreement between Japan and the United States on Japan's defense budget for 1955-56, which dashed Hatoyama's campaign promises of "butter instead of guns," has resulted in renewed charges that the treaty and administrative agreement constitute "undue interference" in Japan's internal affairs. The opposition parties are keeping the issue alive by attacking the government in the Diet with the allegation that American bases in Japan will be used to store nuclear weapons and support military action in the Far East.

25X1

Foreign Minister Shigemitsu told the Diet during defense budget discussions in late April that it was "natural" for various matters between the United States and Japan to need adjustment. [REDACTED]

25X1

[REDACTED]

25X1

25X1

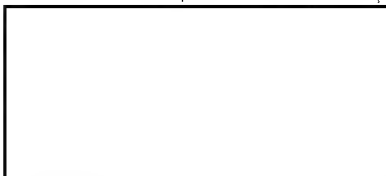
Approved For Release 2002/07/30 : CIA-RDP79T00975A002000330001-2

Approved For Release 2002/07/30 : CIA-RDP79T00975A002000330001-2

25X1

SOUTHEAST ASIA

3. France favors conference of Western big three with Diem:



The French government is prepared to accept Vietnamese premier Diem's invitation to attend a conference in Saigon to which Britain and the United States have

also been invited, according to Premier Faure's personal spokesman.

France would have the three Western powers represented by their regular emissaries in Vietnam. Paris believes that holding a meeting at the ministerial level would cause the regular representatives to lose importance in Vietnamese eyes.

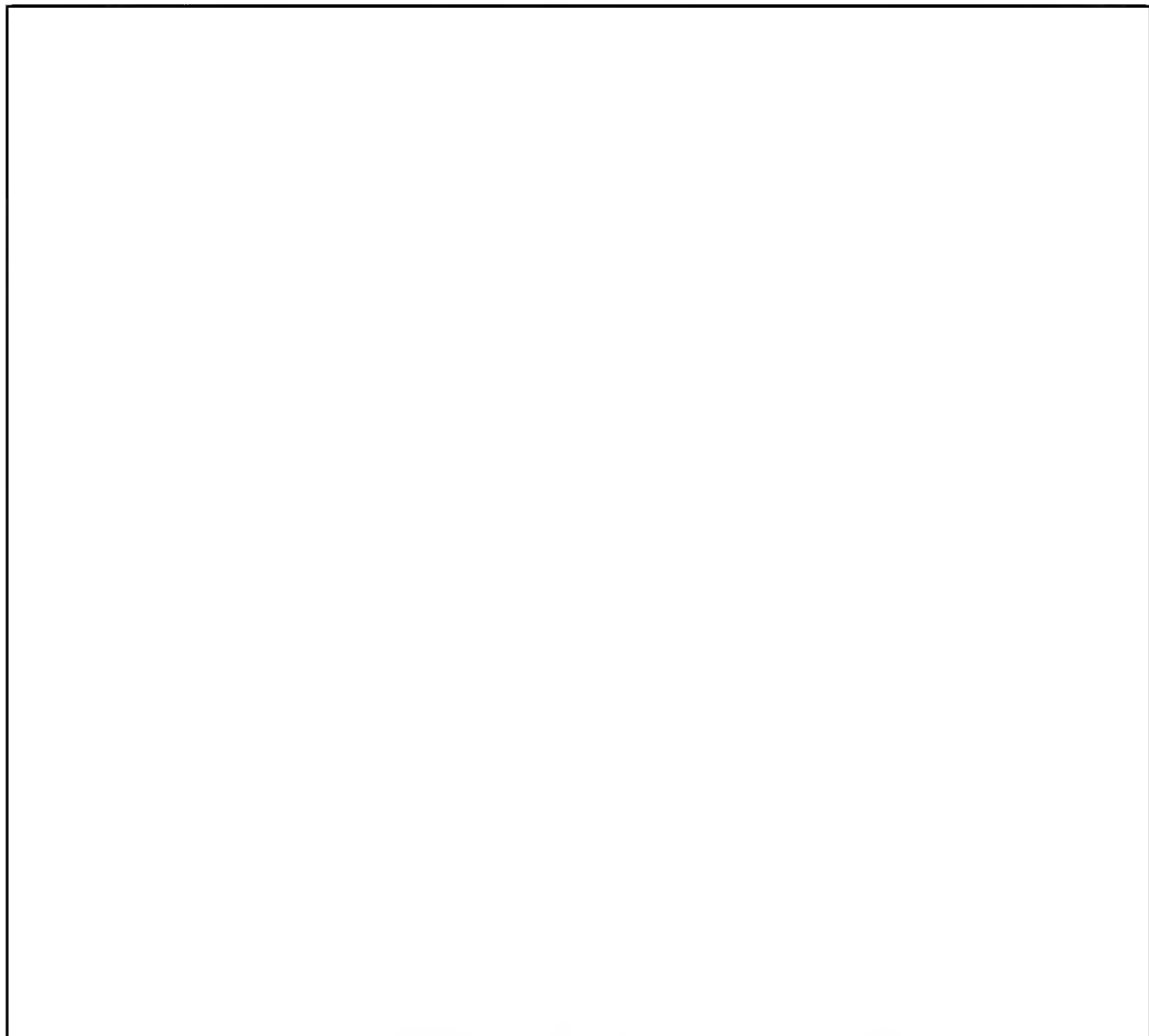
The premier's spokesman said he hoped the task of such a conference would not be complicated beforehand by some incident, such as the deposition of Bao Dai.

25X1

Approved For Release 2002/07/30 : CIA-RDP79T00975A002000330001-2

Comment: The French have no desire to become involved in renewed hostilities in Indochina and may plan to emphasize at the proposed conference that the United States and Britain have assumed increased responsibility in Vietnam.

The Vietnamese government recently made public its distaste for high-level conferences on Vietnam to which it had not been invited.



Approved For Release 2002/07/30 : CIA-RDP79T00975A002000330001-2

25X6

Approved For Release 2002/07/30 : CIA-RDP79T00975A002000330001-2

Approved For Release 2002/07/30 : CIA-RDP79T00975A002000330001-2